



Acre Rigg Infant School



Newsletter October 2025

Inset days

Our inset days for the rest of the year are 5th January and 20th July 2026.

Prompt start

Thank you for being on time. Our bell goes at 8.45am for the children so we can make an 8.50am start for schoolwork. Classroom doors close at 8.50am. School finishes at 3.15p.m. Please support us by bringing your child to school on time.

Breakfast club starts at 8.00am and continues to be free for all school age children. Breakfast club doors close at 8.25am. Your child must be taken to their classroom doors after this time for an 8.45am start.

After school clubs

After school clubs started this week until 4.00pm. Your child will have a letter about which clubs they are attending. If your child no longer wants to go to their club, please let the school office know. If you would like to be on a reserve list, please speak to a member of staff in the office.

After school childcare

Our after-school childcare started earlier this year and currently runs every day until 5.30pm. Childcare is available from reception through to year 2. It is £3.50 from 3.15p.m. – 4.30pm and £6 from 3.15pm – 5.30p.m. If you would like further information please contact the school office.

Please note, children who stay until 4.30pm will now be given a snack after school, children staying until 5.30pm will still receive a wrap or sandwich, crisps and a piece of fruit.

From **Monday 3rd November**, childcare will now finish at 4.30p.m on a Friday.

Flu vaccinations

If you signed up for your child to receive their flu vaccinations at school this will be happening Monday 6th October.

Provision visits

Parents and carers are invited into school to visit your child's classroom and take part in some classroom activities.

- Tuesday 21st October - Classes 4, 5 and 6 at 2pm
- Wednesday 22nd October - Classes 1, 2 and 3 at 2pm
- Thursday 23rd October - Classes 7 and 8 at 2pm

Teaches2parents

Following feedback from parents, we have decided to leave parentmail and move to Teachers2parents for text messaging and email. Parents and carers should have received a text message about downloading the app. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please download it from google play or the app store as soon as possible.

Communication

Just to remind you, the majority of our letters will be sent out via email. A printed version of the letter is also available for you in the office. If you would still like to receive a printed letter, this can be arranged. Please contact the office if you need support accessing.

Marvellous me

All parents and carers should have a marvellous me log in. Staff will send updates via this route about how your child is doing/ successes they are having in school. Please speak to a member of the office staff if you need a new log in.

PE Days

Please remember children need to wear their PE kit for school on PE days. They can wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 2	Class 7	Class 1	Class 3	Class 4
Class 5			Class 6	Class 8

Attendance

We are aware children can be poorly and need to stay at home. Please contact school on the first day of your child's absence, before the start of the school day. Please work in partnership with school to ensure your child comes to school at all other times. We closely monitor attendance and thank you for your support.

Card Payments

We now accept card payments. Please come to the office if you would like to pay by card. We do still accept cash payments also.

Children in need

Children in need is Friday 14th November, children are welcome to come into school wearing yellow or spots. Donations are welcome.

Christmas Concerts

Tuesday 9th December - Class 4 at 9.30am
Class 5 at 10.15am
Class 1 at 1.45pm
Class 6 at 2pm
Class 3 at 2.30pm

Thursday 11th December - Class 2 at 1.40pm
Class 7 at 2.10pm
Class 8 at 2.40pm

Christmas Parties

Monday 15th December - Classes 1, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 16th December - Classes 2, 3 7 and 8

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes.

Christmas Dinner

Children will have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December. Children are welcome to come into school wearing festive jumpers. Children who usually have a packed lunch can have a dinner that day. Please let the office know. Thank you.

Website information

<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

Fancy dress day

On Friday 24th October, children can come to school wearing fancy dress. There will be a disco and games for them to take part in.

Half term holidays

Children break up from school on Friday 24th October and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs. K. Longstaff